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Ellsworth Bunker came to see me this morning. We talked chiefly about the Italian elections and what a pity it was that the necessary 57,000 votes i rder to obtain a bonus of Chamber of Deputies seats had not been secured by the coalition. There is a good deal of opinion, expressed chiefly in the French newspapers, that Ambassador Luce's two speeches were somewhat threatening in tone as to future American assistance to Italy in the event the coalition were not successful and added substantially to the number of Communist votes. It would be interesting to ascertain whether her speeches had been cleared textually by the State Department, and also whether de Gasperi had been familiar with their contents before they were delivered.

Walter and Marie Ridder, Teddy and Nancy White came to lunch; we all talked like mad about the international political situation. Teddy came back to the office with me to develop some material he wants to use in an article about me he has been asked to do by the Sunday edition of the New York Times.

Tonight we went about 11:15 to the British Embassy where the Harveys were giving a farewell party for the Hayters. They had a portion of the Marquis de Cuevas' ballet performing in their beautiful garden and there was a large assemblage, many of whom were friends or acquaintances. Amongst the political figures I talked to were René Mayer and Mendès-France. The latter said had he waited another six months his chances of investiture would have been almost certain. Eve Curie told me the opponents of the EDC amongst themselves always referred to it scornfully as "La Chose". We got home late.

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